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Applicant	STEINFORT, et al.	Group Art Unit Unknown
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1459

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above captioned U.S. National Phase Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.